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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

BIOSIS, PAJ, WPI Data, EPO-Internal, EMBASE, MEDLINE, CHEM ABS Data, PASCAL

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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P,A	OHASHI YOKO ET AL: "Nitrous oxide exerts age-dependent antinociceptive effects in Fischer rats." PAIN, vol. 100, no. 1-2, November 2002 (2002-11), pages 7-18, XP002261149 ISSN: 0304-3959 (ISSN print) * abstract * -----	1-16
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A	OHARA AKITOSHI ET AL: "A comparative study of the antinociceptive action of xenon and nitrous oxide in rats" ANESTHESIA AND ANALGESIA, vol. 85, no. 4, 1997, pages 931-936, XP009020357 ISSN: 0003-2999 * abstract * -----	1-16

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1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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